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> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006 for three(3) months from February 2, 2007 to April 2, 2007. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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